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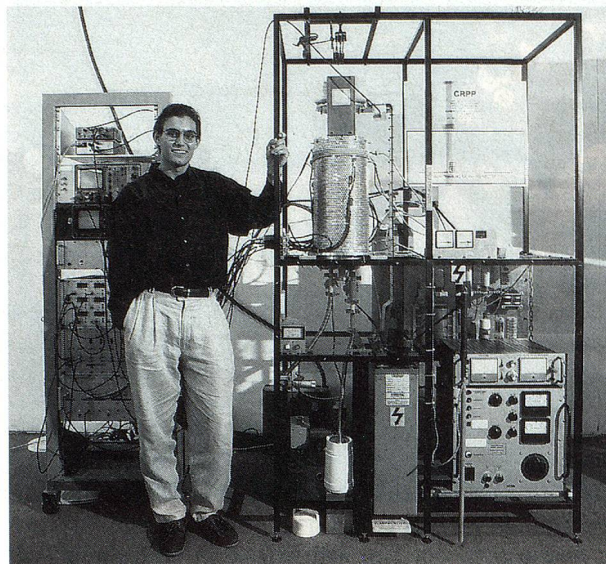
Re-inventing Switzerland for the year 2050

As part of this year's Congress of the Swiss Abroad, the Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad, in conjunction with the Science and Youth Foundation, is organising a competition. The subject: Life in Switzerland in fifty Years. The prize: a trip to Switzerland.

The annual Congress of the Swiss Abroad will be held in Neuchâtel from August 23–25, 1996 (see page 19). The main subject of the Congress will be the Fifth Switzerland's contribution to international research. We cannot think of this without considering our future, i.e. our children. Congress participants will be extremely interested to know how young Swiss Abroad imagine life in Switzerland in fifty years time. This is why we are now calling upon as many young people as possible to participate in our competition and convey their ideas to those who today are shaping the Switzerland of tomorrow. The entries will be on show at our Congress.

Switzerland in fifty years

Switzerland is a microcosm situated at the heart of Europe. It would be difficult to find anywhere else with so many cultural, linguistic and social differences in such a small area. Will Switzerland succeed in maintaining these differences in



Encouraging youth to undertake research is the aim of "Science and Youth". An example is Samuel Schär who won the European Union's contest for young scientists in 1994 with a self-built plasma accelerator. The "Switzerland in 2050" competition presented on this page should inspire young Swiss Abroad to undertake research.

the long term? How do you imagine Switzerland and the Swiss in fifty years? Describe to us your ideas about work, free time, culture, tourism, politics, environmental protection, the economy, mobility, etc.

Essay and poster

Your work should be in the form of an essay between 5 and 10 pages long on separate A4 sheets. It should be accompanied by a poster with the following dimensions: 970 mm wide x 1,376 mm high. This should be a concise and expressive summary of your work. Naturally you may depict your ideas in any way you choose. Drawings, texts, charts are all possibilities.

The prize: a trip to Switzerland

The competition is open to all Swiss Abroad between 15 and 20. Your contribution will be judged by a jury selected by the Science and Youth Foundation. This will be made up of eminent figures from science and the humanities. The writers of the ten best entries will be rewarded with a free trip to Switzerland enabling them to take part in the Neuchâtel Congress of the Swiss Abroad. A special programme of activities will be prepared for them during their stay in Switzerland.

Deadline

Contributions must reach us accompanied by the reply form by May 15, 1996, at the latest:

Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad
Alpenstrasse 26
CH-3000 Berne 16
Tel: 41 31 351 61 00
Fax: 41 31 351 61 50
Sylvie Gavin, SSA

Summer camp 1996

Learn something new with young people from all over the world! The Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad's multi-sports summer camp offers aqua-fun, tennis, canoeing, beach volleyball, biking, streetball, roller blades, trips, discussions and just being happy together. Please join us.

Dates and place: Tenero, Ticino

First camp: July 21–August 3, 1996

Second camp: August 4–17, 1996

Price: About Sfr. 630.–

Conditions: Age 15–25

One parent must be Swiss

Register by May 15, 1996

at:

Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad
Youth Service
Alpenstrasse 26
CH-3000 Berne 16

Reply

form to accompany competition entries

Family name: _____

First name: _____

Age: _____

Precise address: _____

Country: _____

Tel: _____

Fax: _____